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 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Crump, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
 Serial No.: 09/716,486) Examiner: Joseph Weiss, Jr.
 Filed: November 20, 2000) Our Account No.: 04-1403
 Confirmation No.: 8937)
 Title: Respiratory Suction Catheter Apparatus
 with Improved Valve and Collar)



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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims	Highest remaining number	Present paid for	Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	<u>12</u>	<u>minus</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>=</u> <u>0</u> x \$18 = <u>\$ 0</u>

Independent Claims 2 minus 3 = 0 x \$84 = \$ 0

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Since Official Action set an original due date of January 21, 2003.

PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$400; 3 months \$920; 4 months \$1440) \$ 110.00

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, and in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 23, 2003, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to have the enclosed amendment considered for Examination. Please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 10 as indicated on the attached sheets which show the particular claim amendments. The claims as amended are presented below. All pending claims are presented for sake of convenience.